

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Withdrawn) A composition suitable for the treatment or prophylaxis of COPD and other acute or chronic diseases in a mammal, especially a human being, comprising at least one glutamate, other than mono sodium glutamate, and a precursor of glutamate selected from the group consisting of leucine, valine, isoleucine, and a keto acid thereof, in a daily dose for said mammal of at least 6 grams of the total of said glutamate and precursor forms thereof.
2. (Withdrawn) A composition as claimed in claim 1 comprising at least one glutamate, other than mono sodium glutamate, and a precursor of glutamate selected from the group consisting of leucine, valine, isoleucine, and a keto acid thereof, in a daily dose for said mammal in a range of between 9 and 20 grams of the total said glutamate and precursor forms thereof.
3. (Withdrawn) A composition as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2 which is a dietary food supplement where the amount of said glutamate or said precursor form thereof is subdivided in dosages of up to 3 grams, for regular administration to achieve continuously increasing glutamate level.
4. (Withdrawn) A composition as claimed in claim 1 of claim 2 which is a pharmaceutical composition where the amount of said glutamate or said precursor form thereof is subdivided in unit dosages of up to 3 grams, for regular administration to achieve continuously increasing glutamate level, the pharmaceutical composition further comprising a pharmaceutical acceptable carrier.
5. (Withdrawn) Use of at least one glutamate, other than sodium glutamate, and a precursor of glutamate selected from the group consisting of leucine, valine, isoleucine,

and a keto acid thereof, in the preparation of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of COPD and other acute or chronic diseases in a mammal, especially a human being, wherein the medicament is formulated in a unit dose form to achieve a daily dose of at least 6 grams of the active ingredient of the medicament.

6. (Withdrawn) Use as claimed in claim 5, wherein the medicament is formulated in a unit dose form to achieve a daily dose in a range of between 9 and 20 grams of the active ingredient of the medicament.

7. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 4, or the use as claimed in claim 5 or claim 6, which is formulated for oral and parenteral administration.

8. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 4, or the use as claimed in claim 5 or claim 6, which is formulated to achieve a continuously increasing glutamate level.

9. (Withdrawn) Use as claimed in any one claims 5 to 8 wherein the medicament additionally contains one or more substances selected from the group consisting of stimulants, hormones, analogues of such hormones, phyto-hormones, analogues of such phyto-hormones, and anti-oxidants.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~preventing or~~ treating COPD and other acute or chronic diseases in a mammal, ~~in particular a human, which comprises orally~~ administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a composition consisting essentially of at least one glutamate, other than mono sodium glutamate, and a precursor of glutamate selected from the group consisting of leucine, valine, isoleucine, and a keto acid thereof.

11. (Withdrawn) Use of at least one glutamate, other than mono sodium glutamate, and a precursor of glutamate selected from the group consisting of leucine, valine, isoleucine, and a keto acid thereof, in the preparation of food supplement or a prophylactic composition to restore or increase the glutamate level in the body, in particular the muscles, of an individual.

12. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein said mammal is a human.

13. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein said method is treating the skeletal muscle fatigue associated with COPD.